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SUBJ: UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE JANUARY 28, 1980.

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1. UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET INFORMALLY IN HALF-DAY SESSION ON JANUARY 28. REF-B REPORTS OPENING STATEMENT BY HCR HARTLING, REF-A REPORTS IRAN'S COMMENTS ON AFGHAN REFUGEES, AND REF-C RELATES TO FUND FOR DURABLE SOLUTIONS. OTHER TOPICS ARE DESCRIBED BELOW.

2. CANADA MADE STRONG PITCH FOR MANAGERIAL IMPROVEMENTS. AMB. MCPHAIL POINTED OUT THAT UNHCR'S PRESENT LEVEL OF FUNDING MAKES IT ONE OF THE LARGEST INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THAT ITS TASKS BECOME EVER MORE DIFFICULT AND ACUTE. MCPHAIL INDICATED THAT CANADA HAS QUESTIONS AS SPECIAL APPEALS COME UP. FYI MACKINNON COMMENTED INFORMALLY TO HISOFF THAT HCR'S FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT GROW SO RAPIDLY BECAUSE THEY DEVELOP PROJECTS WITHOUT CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS. ENO FYI. MCPHAIL DREW NEED TO DEVELOP BETTER FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. HE COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON CREATION OF POLICY PLANNING UNIT AND SUGGESTED A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONSULT WITH HCR, STATED OBVIOUS NEED FOR COORDINATION AMONG DONORS, ASKED IF QUARTERLY FINANCIAL

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SESSION OF EXCOM IN SPRING. AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM AND JAPAN SUPPORTED CALL FOR ANOTHER INFORMAL SESSION. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING HARTLING EXPRESSED STRONG WISH TO KEEP MEMBERS INFORMED AND INDICATED IT WOULD BE TIMELY TO HAVE ANOTHER INFORMAL MEETING SOON.

3. SWEDEN REFERRED TO THE GROWING ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY OF HCR AND ITS STRUCTURAL STRENGTHENING AND COMMENTED ON THE NEED FOR EFFICIENCY AND DECENTRALIZATION.

4. SUDAN ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS MAKING 1980 THE YEAR OF THE REFUGEE AND WAS CALLING A NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO MOBILIZE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES.

5. TANZANIAN REPRESENTATIVE, IN A PREPARED STATEMENT WHICH WAS PREFACED BY CAVEAT THAT SUBJECT TO AD REFERENDUM APPROVAL FROM CAPITAL, POINTED OUT THAT HCR PROGRAMS SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CIRCUMSTANCES OF LIVING CONDITIONS OF LOCAL INHABITANTS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT TOTAL FUNDING OF PROJECTS FROM FUND FOR DURABLE SOLUTIONS SHOULD BE A LAST RESORT ONLY, AND CAUTIONED THAT SELF-HELP SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED. HE CAUTIONED THAT FUND PROJECTS SHOULD NOT BE DUPLICATIVE OF WORK DONE BY OTHER AGENCIES OR WHICH SHOULD MORE PROPERLY FALL UNDER MANDATE OF OTHER AGENCIES. IN SUMMING UP, CHAIRMAN HESSEL STATED THAT RESOURCES SHOULD BE PRESERVED FOR REAL NEEDS THAT CANNOT BE COVERED IN OTHER WAYS. HELMAN

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